

**James Monroe to Thomas Jefferson, December 15,
1790, from Thomas Jefferson and James Monroe
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Dear Sir

I send you the letters mention'd last night, among wh. you will find two from Mr. Fitzhugh & Mr. Page each, cover'd by one from the old gentn. his father recommendatory of a young Mr. Mortimer. He is extremely anxious to have him admitted into yr. office & under yr. care. The young man appears to be amiable in temper & manner, sensible, prudent, and is well esteem'd among his acquaintances in these respects; but the two gentn. who have mention'd him to your are better acquainted with his merits than I am, and to their subscription no addition will be requir'd from me. I told him it was probable the duties of yr. office had forc'd on you before this the disposition of appointments of this ind, so that altho he most earnestly wishes it yet he is in some measure prepar'd to receive a negative. With real esteem & regard I am sincerely yr. friend & servt. Jas. Monroe

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